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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Coachella Valley Rail Project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive the funding is the Riverside County Transportation Commission, located at P.O. Box 12008, Riverside, California 92502. The funding would be used to advance a Tier II project-level environmental review which will provide preliminary engineering along the eastern section of track as well as project-level environmental clearance for up to six new stations, a new third main track, and signal improvements on the eastern section of the corridor. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would aid in the construction of a daily intercity passenger rail service between Los Angeles and the Coachella Valley and provide access to jobs, economic opportunities, and education centers while reducing vehicle traffic congestion and air pollution.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 22907.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Calvert".

KEN CALVERT  
Member of Congress